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Extract from PPS Weekly Activity Report #3:

CIA Participation in the RAND Exercise, "Political Gaming"

Recently the Director of Training expressed the feeling that OTR should follow closely activities in the political gaming field but should limit participation to observer status, because greater participation would be too time consuming in terms of preparation as well as participation. Both Intelligence School and Operations School expressed an interest in a rather close follow-up of these exercises within the framework expressed by the DTR. The Executive Officer stated that funds could be made available for travel to Boston for reasonably short TDY.

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██████████ advised that the Department of State and this Agency have taken the position that officially we have an interest, but active participation must be carefully handled, since participation by U. S. officials might be construed by the press as forecasting future U. S. policy actions. Therefore, no officials of either agency will participate in the next RAND exercise, one of which may be held in February and one in April. ██████████ will keep us informed of future plans and if CIA is planning to send observers, he will advise us sufficiently in advance to permit the naming of an OTR observer.

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